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To provide for the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. KYL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MACK, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BOND, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GORTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRAMS, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. ASHCROFT, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROBB, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SMITH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. REID, Mr. COVERDELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FORD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. BENNETT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

To provide for the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Jerusalem Embassy  
3 Relocation Implementation Act of 1995”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) Each sovereign nation, under international  
7 law and custom, may designate its own capital.

8 (2) Since 1950, the city of Jerusalem has been  
9 the capital of the State of Israel.

10 (3) The city of Jerusalem is the seat of Israel’s  
11 President, Parliament, and Supreme Court, and the  
12 site of numerous government ministries and social  
13 and cultural institutions.

14 (4) The city of Jerusalem is the spiritual center  
15 of Judaism, and is also considered a holy city by the  
16 members of other religious faiths.

17 (5) From 1948–1967, Jerusalem was a divided  
18 city and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jew-  
19 ish citizens of all states were denied access to holy  
20 sites in the area controlled by Jordan.

21 (6) In 1967, the city of Jerusalem was reunited  
22 during the conflict known as the Six Day War.

23 (7) Since 1967, Jerusalem has been a united  
24 city administered by Israel, and persons of all reli-  
25 gious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy  
26 sites within the city.

1           (8) This year marks the 28th consecutive year  
2           that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified  
3           city in which the rights of all faiths have been re-  
4           spected and protected.

5           (9) In 1990, the Congress unanimously adopted  
6           Senate Concurrent Resolution 106, which declares  
7           that the Congress “strongly believes that Jerusalem  
8           must remain an undivided city in which the rights  
9           of every ethnic religious group are protected”.

10          (10) In 1992, the United States Senate and  
11          House of Representatives unanimously adopted Sen-  
12          ate Concurrent Resolution 113 of the One Hundred  
13          Second Congress to commemorate the 25th anniver-  
14          sary of the reunification of Jerusalem, and  
15          reaffirming congressional sentiment that Jerusalem  
16          must remain an undivided city.

17          (11) The September 13, 1993, Declaration of  
18          Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrange-  
19          ments lays out a timetable for the resolution of  
20          “final status” issues, including Jerusalem.

21          (12) The Agreement on the Gaza Strip and the  
22          Jericho Area was signed May 4, 1994, beginning the  
23          five-year transitional period laid out in the Declara-  
24          tion of Principles.

1           (13) In March of 1995, 93 members of the  
2           United States Senate signed a letter to Secretary of  
3           State Warren Christopher encouraging “planning to  
4           begin now” for relocation of the United States Em-  
5           bassy to the city of Jerusalem.

6           (14) The United States maintains its embassy  
7           in the functioning capital of every country except in  
8           the case of our democratic friend and strategic ally,  
9           the State of Israel.

10          (15) The United States conducts official meet-  
11          ings and other business in the city of Jerusalem in  
12          de facto recognition of its status as the capital of Is-  
13          rael.

14          (16) In 1996, the State of Israel will celebrate  
15          the 3,000th anniversary of the Jewish presence in  
16          Jerusalem since King David’s entry.

17   **SEC. 3. TIMETABLE.**

18          (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
19   United States that—

20               (1) Jerusalem should remain an undivided city  
21               in which the rights of every ethnic religious group  
22               are protected;

23               (2) Jerusalem should be recognized as the cap-  
24               ital of the State of Israel; and

1           (3) the United States Embassy in Israel should  
2       be relocated to Jerusalem no later than May 31,  
3       1999.

4       (b) OPENING DETERMINATION.—Not more than 50  
5       percent of the funds appropriated to the Department of  
6       State for fiscal year 1999 for “Acquisition and Mainte-  
7       nance of Buildings Abroad” may be obligated until the  
8       Secretary of State determines and reports to Congress  
9       that the United States Embassy in Jerusalem has offi-  
10      cially opened.

11   **SEC. 4. FISCAL YEARS 1996 AND 1997 FUNDING.**

12       (a) FISCAL YEAR 1996.—Of the funds authorized to  
13      be appropriated for “Acquisition and Maintenance of  
14      Buildings Abroad” for the Department of State in fiscal  
15      year 1996, not less than \$25,000,000 should be made  
16      available until expended only for construction and other  
17      costs associated with the relocation of the United States  
18      Embassy in Israel to the capital of Jerusalem.

19       (b) FISCAL YEAR 1997.—Of the funds authorized to  
20      be appropriated for “Acquisition and Maintenance of  
21      Buildings Abroad” for the Department of State in fiscal  
22      year 1997, not less than \$75,000,000 should be made  
23      available until expended only for construction and other  
24      costs associated with the relocation of the United States  
25      Embassy in Israel to the capital of Jerusalem.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.**

2 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report  
4 to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
5 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate detailing  
6 the Department of State's plan to implement this Act.

7 Such report shall include—

8 (1) estimated dates of completion for each  
9 phase of the relocation of the United States Em-  
10 bassy, including site identification, land acquisition,  
11 architectural, engineering and construction surveys,  
12 site preparation, and construction; and

13 (2) an estimate of the funding necessary to im-  
14 plement this Act, including all costs associated with  
15 relocating the United States Embassy to Jerusalem.

16 **SEC. 6. SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.**

17 Beginning January 1, 1996, and every six months  
18 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall report to the  
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Commit-  
20 tee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on the progress  
21 made toward opening the United States Embassy in Jeru-  
22 salem.

23 **SEC. 7. DEFINITION.**

24 As used in this Act, the term “United States Em-  
25 bassy” means the offices of the United States diplomatic

- 1 mission and the residence of the United States chief of
- 2 mission.

